

News Briefs

■ Argentina has completed an agreement with the World Health Organization under which it becomes the first country in the Western Hemisphere to have a center for the study and control of zoonoses (diseases transmitted from animal to animal or from animals to man). At present there are not less than 86 diseases of wild and domestic vertebrates that are known to threaten human health. The Argentine government has provided facilities for the center and has made an initial allocation of approximately \$28,000 for its operation. WHO has contributed \$45,000 to the first year's budget, and other organizations are expected to contribute in the future.

■ The Air Research and Development Command has announced plans to construct a plant at Rome, N.Y., to test parts for radar defense systems. The facility will be used by Air Force engineers and contractors working on developing radar components such as transmitters and tubes.

■ West Germany and India have agreed to set up jointly an Institute of Technology in India. The Bonn Government's share in the enterprise will be the procurement of equipment and the teaching staff. The new institute probably will be set up in Kanpur (in Uttar Pradesh). It will be the third of its kind; the first two institutes are in Bombay and Kharagpur. A fourth is being planned for Madras.

■ The new building of the Max-Planck Institute for Chemistry in Mainz, West Germany, where the research center found a new home after the bombing of its buildings in Berlin-Dahlem, has now been dedicated. Many well-known chemists from Germany and abroad were present at the ceremony. In an address, the president of the Max-Planck Society, Nobel prize winner Otto Hahn, stressed the point that the work of the institute will be confined solely to peaceful purposes.

Scientists in the News

NEWMAN A. HALL, assistant dean in charge of the graduate division of the College of Engineering at New York University, has been appointed professor of mechanical engineering and chairman of the department at Yale University.

COLUMBUS O. ISELIN, professor of oceanography at Harvard University and chief oceanographer at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, has been named director of the institution. He succeeds EDWARD H. SMITH, who has

been director since 1950. Smith had reached retirement age and did not wish to remain in office beyond his 6-year term of appointment.

CHARLES DODDS, Courtauld professor of biochemistry at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London, England, will deliver the 33rd course of Lane medical lectures at Stanford University between 17 and 21 Sept. The theme of the five talks will be "Biochemical experiments in endocrinology."

Three Stanford University professors are going abroad for extended visits.

LEONARD I. SCHIFF, executive head of the physics department, will spend a year on sabbatical leave at the Sorbonne. He has received a Guggenheim fellowship and will serve as visiting professor of theoretical physics on the faculty of science, Ecole Normale Supérieure, University of Paris.

SIEMON W. MULLER of the School of Mineral Sciences, another Guggenheim fellow, will spend 9 months at the University of Vienna conducting research in paleontology and participating in a geologic survey for the Austrian Government. In the final months of his sabbatical year he will carry out field work in Jurassic rocks on the island of Majorca. He also holds a Fulbright award.

GEORGE A. FEIGEN of the physiology department will spend his sabbatical year at Oxford University as the first traveling scholar appointed by the American Heart Association. He will continue his investigations in molecular biology in Oxford's departments of pharmacology and hematology.

Recent Deaths

RALPH N. CHIPMAN, Plainfield, N. J.; 70; specialist in weed control; 19 Aug.

KATHERINE CLENDINNING DURKEE, New York, N.Y.; 63; managing editor of *Mechanical Engineering* and other publications of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; 16 Aug.

HERMAN FREUND, New York, N. Y.; 70; mechanical engineer; former vice president in charge of research and development for the Intertype Corporation; 18 Aug.

WIGHTMAN W. GARNER, Washington, D.C.; 80; plant physiologist who was a specialist in tobacco culture; 19 Mar.

W. LEON GODSHALL, Bethlehem, Pa.; professor of international relations and head of the department at Lehigh University; representative of Pi Gamma Mu on the AAAS council; 1 June.

EDWARD S. MEAD, Philadelphia, Pa.; 82; professor emeritus of finance at

the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania; father of Margaret Mead, a member of the AAAS board of directors; 21 Aug.

HENRY A. SALLER, Columbus, O.; 38; specialist in nuclear metallurgy who had recently been named an assistant technical director at Battelle Institute; 14 Aug.

EDMOND L. SCHMIDT, Storrs, Conn.; 36; histologist and physiologist at the University of Connecticut; 7 Aug.

SARAH L. W. STARR, Philadelphia, Pa.; 82; president of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania from 1921 to 1941; 17 Aug.

GEORGE W. STEWART, Iowa City, Iowa; 80; head of the physics department at the University of Iowa from 1909 to 1946; secretary of AAAS-Section B from 1917 to 1920; 16 Aug.

Education

■ The Atomic Energy Commission has announced that it has invited proposals from colleges and universities to conduct courses in nuclear reactor technology and supporting subjects as part of a program to double the number of nuclear reactor engineers trained each year at the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology (ORSORT) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The program provides that students accepted for the Oak Ridge school will take the first 6 months of their training at colleges or universities, beginning about 1 Mar. 1957, and the remaining 6 months at Oak Ridge. At the present time, the entire 1-year course is given at the laboratory.

Universities and colleges have been invited to submit proposals before 15 Sept. under which they would provide concentrated preparatory instruction in mathematics, physics, chemistry, and engineering. The subjects to be covered in the university phase of the proposed program will be unclassified. The ORSORT portion of the program will cover classified subjects. Inquiries regarding proposals should be directed to Dr. H. M. Roth, Director, Research and Development Division, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, P.O. Box E, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

■ The 25th Norelco School on the use of x-ray diffraction will be held at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, 24-28 Sept. The course is sponsored by the Instruments Division, North American Philips Company, Inc. Those interested in attending these x-ray diffraction meetings should register at once by writing C. J. Woods, Instrument Division, North American Philips Company, Inc., 750 South Fulton Ave., Mount Vernon, N.Y.